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Chair Hass and Senate Finance and Revenue Committee members:

I write to encourage you to support the Oregon Beach Fund, SB 745. Across the nation, state resource agencies struggle with budgetary shortfalls as their mandates and duties increase and funding sources dry up. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is no exception. Not only are they charged with the conservation and maintenance of our 255 Oregon State Parks, they also have jurisdiction over the Oregon Shore State Recreation Area, our public beaches.

The lack of steady funding for OPRD has led to staffing shortages, deferred maintenance, and a need for the department to seek alternative revenue sources.

The Oregon Beach Fund would appropriate an already existing fund that is collected by OPRD at Oregon shores campgrounds and is a good common sense solution to help provide additional funding to the department. It means taxes collected at coastal campgrounds will help maintain and conserve the very areas where those funds are generated. As an inland resident who frequents our coastal recreation areas, I want the money that my family spends to go toward taking care of the beaches that we love so much and the facilities that we use when we visit.

Please support the Oregon Beach Fund and move SB 745 to a vote.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I look forward to tracking your progress on this issue.

Sincerely,
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